

AMERICA'S HIGHEST COURT.

Personnel of Justices of the United States Supreme Court.

Special correspondence of The Florida Star.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Public interest here and throughout the country is just now centered in the supreme court of the United States, which has before it the adjudication of one of the most important questions upon which that learned and dignified body has had to pass in recent years—that of the constitutional rights of the Porto Ricans and the Filipinos and the legal status of the islands acquired by this country as a result of the war with Spain. Not since the controversy over the validity of the income tax law, which by a decision of five to four was declared to be unconstitutional, has the highest judicial tribunal of the nation been called upon to render a decision in which greater public interest has been manifested or in which there have been involved issues of greater commercial importance and political significance. Numerous and somewhat conflicting decisions have been rendered by federal circuit and district courts on various phases of the general proposition respecting the rights and status of the inhabitants of the lately ac-

the venerable and learned Justice Stephen J. Field, whose head had become covered with the frost of age during his long term of service. When he resigned on account of old age in 1897, dying some months afterward, Justice John Marshall Harlan was, by virtue of official seniority, promoted to the place of honor. He is a Kentuckian and was appointed to the supreme bench by President Hayes. He is a graduate of Center college, Kentucky, and studied law at Transylvania university. Justice Harlan has become especially famous on account of his many strong dissenting opinions.

On the chief justice's left sits the physical giant of the court, Justice Horace Gray, who is 6 feet 4 inches



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JUSTICE GRAY.

In height and proportionately broad and stalwart. He is noted as a veritable storehouse of legal knowledge, which is at his command at a moment's notice. His mind is of an unusually high order—not only well stored, but vigorous, logical and clear. Justice Gray is a Bostonian, educated at Harvard university and Harvard Law school and was appointed to his present position by President Arthur in 1881.

Next in the order of term of service is Justice David J. Brewer, having been appointed in 1889 by President Harrison. He is extremely popular both socially and professionally and is considered one of the ablest men on the bench. In character, learning and ability Judge Brewer is a true representative of the distinguished family to which he belongs—the Field family, his mother being a sister of the world renowned brothers. Until the retirement of Justice Stephen J. Field uncle and nephew sat together on the bench of the highest court in the land, a thing that had never before been recorded. Justice Brewer's father was a missionary in Asia Minor, and the son was born in Smyrna in 1839. He graduated from Yale in the now famous class of 1856, studied law in the office of his uncle, David Dudley Field, and finished his legal education at the Albany Law school.

Justice Henry B. Brown, who was appointed by President Harrison in



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JUSTICE BREWER.

1890, is a native of Massachusetts, a graduate of Harvard Law school. On the bench he is the personification of dignity, his strong, square cut, intellectual face is gravely attentive, and from head to foot he is a typical judge. But off the bench he is another man altogether—genial, debonair, throwing himself with almost boyish zest into whatever pursuits and pleasures opportunity offers.

Justice George Shiras was born in Pittsburg in 1832 and graduated from Yale in 1853 in the same class with Minister Andrew D. White, Wayne MacVeagh and other prominent men. He stands over 6 feet high and holds himself very erect. His face in repose is rather grave and even severe, but it masks a wit so keen edged and original that it would be hard to find its match. Justice Edward Douglas White is a Louisianian. He is a typical southern

gentleman, with the easy grace and charm of manner which are characteristic of the New Orleans people. He is a man of commanding presence, tall and broad shouldered.

Justice Rufus W. Peck is a native of New York and a graduate of the Albany Law school. He was appointed to the supreme court by President Cleveland in 1895 and has a high reputation for learning, impartiality and general ability.

The latest appointment to the supreme bench is that of Justice Joseph McKenna, who was named by President McKinley in 1897 to take the place made vacant by the retirement of Justice Field. He is a native of Pennsylvania, though his life has mainly been passed in California.

These briefly sketched are the eminent jurists who will now pass upon the constitutional rights of the Porto Ricans and the Filipinos.

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4:54p	Lv.	Orange City	Ar.	5:24p	Lv.	Osteen	Ar.	11:57a	Lv.	Osteen	Ar.
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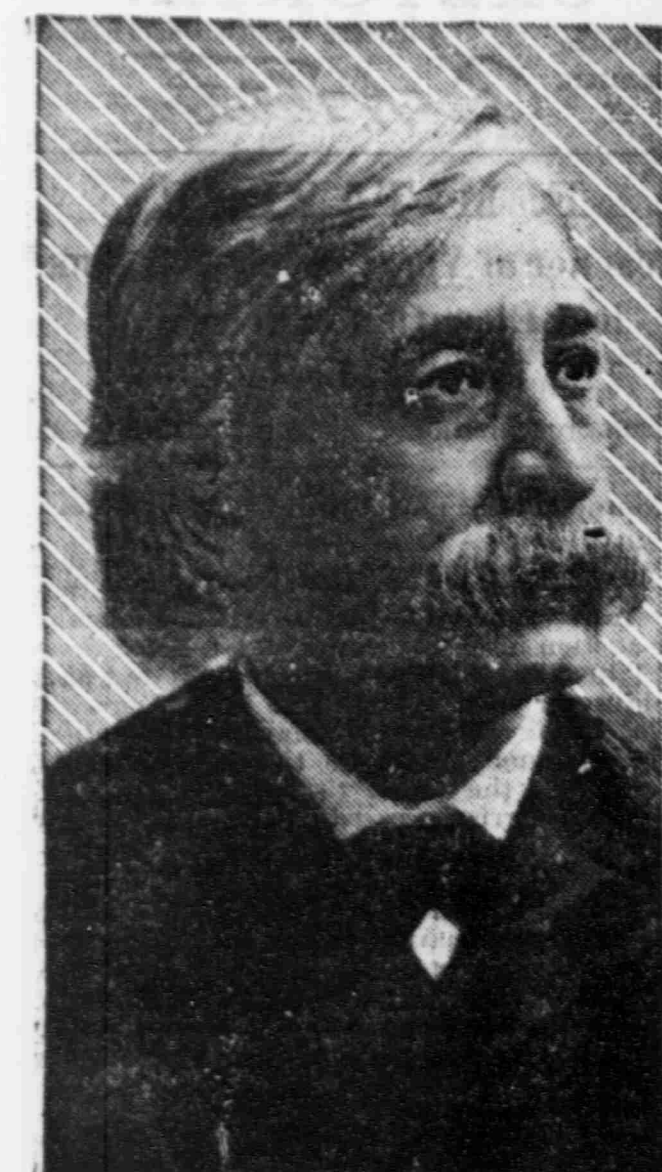


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CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER

quired territory, but the supreme court itself has not passed upon it, though the litigation has been pending for some time.

Under these circumstances and at this time something regarding the personnel of the supreme court may be of interest. At the head of the bench, occupying the exalted station filled by such great jurists as John Jay, John Marshall and Salmon P. Chase, stands Chief Justice Melville Weston Fuller, who was chosen by President Cleveland in 1888 to succeed the late Chief Justice Morrison R. Waite. Justice Fuller was a prominent member of the Chicago bar when appointed, though he had never held any judicial office. He was, however, well qualified for the position in ability, learning and character. He is said to have had a law practice in Chicago which brought him from \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year, and the highest, most important and most responsible position the president and congress can bestow upon a citizen brought him no pecuniary advantage. The chief justice receives a permanent salary of \$10,500 a year and the associate justices \$10,000. Melville Weston Fuller first saw the light of this world in Augusta, Me., on the 11th of February, 1833. He is a graduate of the Harvard Law school. In 1856 he established himself in the flourishing young city of Chicago, where he early attained and steadfastly maintained high professional rank.

On the right of the chief justice sits the associate justice who has been

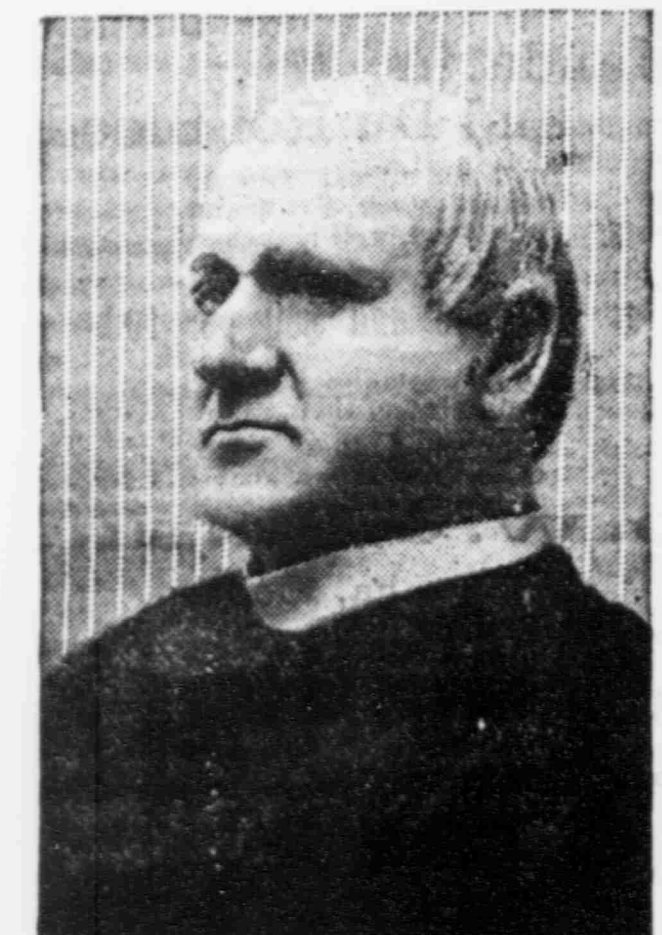


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JUSTICE HARLAN.

longest on the bench. This is the position of honor. Here sat for many years